Information retrieval system with speech synthesis unit in internet e.g. WWW - has speech synthesis unit that converts speech synthesis information in retrieved data to corresponding audio information which is then output by respective output unit JP19960302994 19961114 PNJP10143352 A 19980529 DW199832 G06F3/16 006pp PA (NITE ) NIPPON TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CORP IC G06F3/16 ;G10L5/02 ;G10L9/00 AB J10143352 The system includes an information retrieval unit (11) that searches information stored in a storage unit (30) and retrieves the information via a telecommunication network (20). A speech synthesis command is analysed from the retrieved information (41) and it is converted into a speech synthesis information (42) by a storage information conversion unit (12). An interface conversion unit (13) converts the speech synthesis information so that it corresponds to the interface of a speech synthesis unit (14). The speech synthesis unit generates an audio information (44) according to the received input. An audio information output unit (15) outputs audio information to ADVANTAGE - Converts retrieved information into audio output (Dwg.1/1)

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